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INTRODUCTION

IEC 62379 specifies the common control interface, a protocol for managing equipment which conveys audio and/or video across digital networks.

An introduction to the common control interface is given in IEC 62739-1.

This part of IEC 62379 specifies those aspects that are specific for using the block structure as defined in IEC 62379-1, for standardising the collection method of audio and video parameters for use by the European Broadcasting Union Expert Communities Networks – Internet Protocol (IP) Measurements (EBU ECN-IPM) Group.

The collection of network related parameters may be outside the scope of this standard. These are expected to be collected from the standard Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) Management Information Base (MIBs) that are generally present in most (if not all) networked equipment. Some specific network parameters are included that are not obtainable from existing standard IETF MIBs.

Structure of the family of standards

IEC 62379 specifies the common control interface, a protocol for managing networked audiovisual equipment. It is intended to include the following Parts:

Part 1: General

Part 2: Audio

Part 3: Video

Part 4: Data

Part 5: Transmission over networks

Part 6: Packet transfer service

Part 7: Measurement

Part 1 specifies aspects which are common to all equipment.

Parts 2 to 4 specify control of internal functions specific to equipment carrying particular types of live media. Part 4 does not refer to packet data such as the control messages themselves.

Part 5 specifies control of transmission of these media over each individual network technology. It includes network specific management interfaces along with network specific control elements that integrate into the control framework.

Part 6 specifies carriage of control and status messages and non-audiovisual data over transports that do not support audio and video, such as RS232 serial links, with (as with Part 5) a separate subpart for each technology.

Part 7 specifies those aspects that are specific to the measurement requirements of the EBU ECN-IPM Group.

An introduction to the common control interface is given in IEC 62739-1.

Description, aims and requirements of the EBU ECN-IPM Group

In recent years, EBU members have been increasingly adopting IP networks for the contribution of audio and video in real-time. It is well known that although IP networks are of lower cost and provide more flexibility compared with circuit switched networks, they suffer

from longer delays and have much larger jitter, while broadcasters' tolerance to these variables is much less than that of normal business IT traffic.

To respond to Members' use of IP, EBU set up two groups, *Expert Communities Networks Audio contribution over IP (ECN-ACIP)* and *Expert Communities Networks – Video contribution over IP (ECN-VCIP)*, with the tasks of drawing up recommended codes of practice¹.

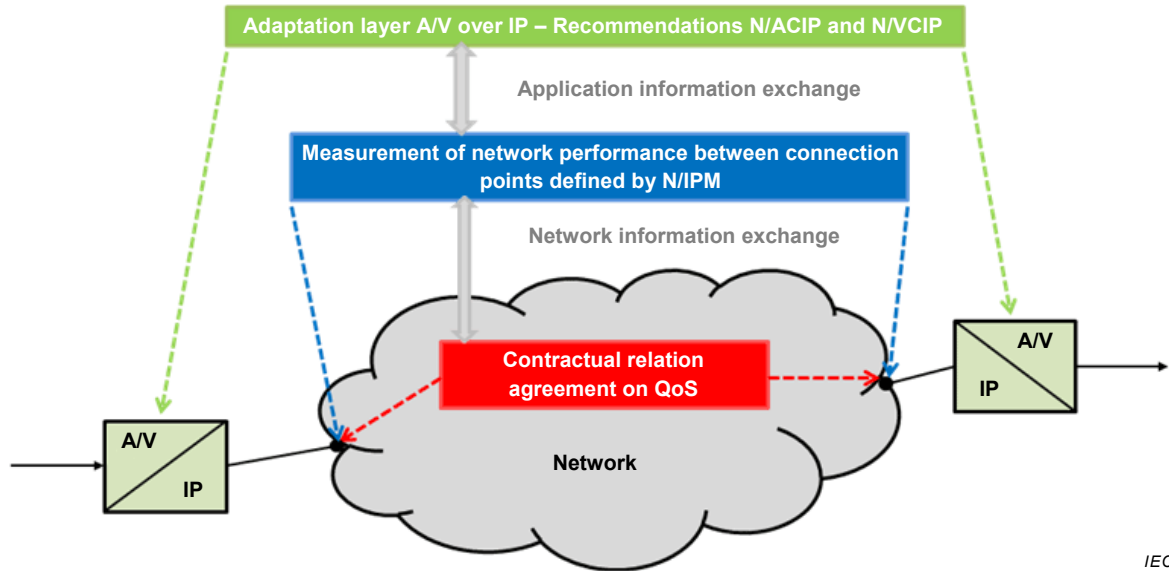


Figure 1 – Relationships between ECN groups ACIP, VCIP and IPM

It was also recognised that there would be a strong demand for tools that would enable broadcasters to measure and manage their IP networks properly to suit the many time-critical broadcast applications they would be subjected to. To this end, the ECN-IPM (IP measurement) group was set up. The relationships between these three groups are shown in Figure 1.

The goals of ECN-IPM Group were to

- define a quality of service classification to achieve requested A/V transmission quality for broadcast applications,
- standardise network information exchange between EBU members and Telecom suppliers,
- propose a method of collecting end-to-end performance information for management purposes.

In achieving these goals the ECN-IPM Group has specified a set of parameters that are important for broadcasters when using IP networks for audio and video transmission and has developed a software mechanism to probe a network for device and topology discovery, physical path tracing for both end-to-end communication and multicast streams, with the potential for multilayer monitoring for streams on a multi-vendor network with fully media-specific parameters.

The specified parameters cover both the network layer and application layer (for video and audio). SNMP is employed to collect information on the status of networked devices, such as the transmission rate, error rate, the codec used and multicast streams status.

¹ ECN-ACIP and ECN-VCIP were formerly known as N/ACIP and N/VCIP respectively.

To ensure that all the parameters can be recovered from a variety of different manufacturers' IP equipment, the group has designed a Management Information Base (MIB). Although many MIB files have been published over the years, especially on the network side, very little standardisation work has been done on Audio/Video (A/V) codec MIB files. The EBU ECN-IPM Group has therefore proposed a new standard, based upon the IEC 62379 series to address this issue.

Two EBU technical publications have been produced by the ECN-IPM Group.

The parameters and new MIB information may be found in EBU-Tech 3345, End-to-End IP Network Measurement for Broadcast Applications – Parameters & Management Information Base (MIB), Geneva, July 2011.

A description of the software mechanism, EisStream², may be found in EBU-Tech 3346, End-to-End IP Network Measurement for Broadcast Applications – EisStream Software package description, Geneva, July 2011. The software is written in Java and it provides physical path tracing for IP traffic using SNMP.

This part of IEC 62379 and other related parts of IEC 62379, constitute the standards upon which Section 3 of EBU-Tech 3345 is based.

If there is any inconsistency between this standard and Section 3 of EBU-Tech 3345, then IEC 62379-7 and other related parts of IEC 62379, take precedence.

2 EBU Integrated Monitoring Solution for Media Streams on IP Networks, <http://eisstream.sourceforge.net/>

COMMON CONTROL INTERFACE FOR NETWORKED DIGITAL AUDIO AND VIDEO PRODUCTS –

Part 7: Measurements

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62379 specifies aspects of the common control interface of IEC 62379-1 that are specific to the measurement of the service experienced by audio and video streams and in particular to the requirements of EBU ECN-IPM Measurements Group.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 62379-1, *Common control interface for networked digital audio and video products – Part 1: General*

IEC 62379-2:2008, *Common control interface for networked digital audio and video products – Part 2: Audio*

IEC 62379-3, *Common control interface for networked audio and video products – Part 3: Video*